



**Date:** January 20, 2006  
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**For:** Mayor and Members of the City Council  
**Subject:** City Report For Week Ending January 20, 2006

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This *City Report* highlights various activities for the week ending January 20, 2006. I hope you will find this information useful. Please feel free to contact my staff should you have any questions.

### **MAJOR WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS**

#### **Citywide**

The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade and Celebration, entitled "*Where do you stand ... in times of challenge and controversy*," was held on January 14. The celebration drew an estimated 13,000 along the parade route and 9,000 at the park. More than 65 teens from Houghton, Silverado, El Dorado West, Cesar E. Chavez, and California Recreation Center Parks walked in the Parade.

#### **Parks, Recreation and Marine, Community Recreation Programs Bureau**

Belmont Plaza Pool, in cooperation with the Seal Beach Swim Club, hosted the Southern California Martin D. Inkmann "Q" Seniors Swim Meet from January 13 to 16. More than 5,150 athletes and spectators from California, Arizona, Nevada, and as far away as Illinois attended to compete in numerous of events.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS AND PROJECTS**

#### **Parks, Recreation and Marine, Community Recreation Programs Bureau**

On **January 21**, youth and family members can enjoy tons of snow, a large snow area, two sled runs, and arts and crafts activities at Whaley Park's Snow Day.

#### **Community Development, Neighborhood Services**

On Monday, **January 23**, a *Got Trees?* workshop will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at 425 Atlantic Avenue. Residents can learn how to apply for a *Green Trees for Golden State* grant and receive funds to plant trees on public property. Speakers include representatives from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection; the City of Long Beach's Neighborhood Services Bureau and Department of Public Works; and Long Beach Organic, a local non-profit organization. This workshop will be presented in English, with translation available in Spanish and Khmer. To RSVP or to obtain more information, call (562) 570-1010 or e-mail to [JoAnn\\_Rojas@longbeach.gov](mailto:JoAnn_Rojas@longbeach.gov).

### **AWARDS**

#### **Parks, Recreation and Marine, Planning and Development Bureau**

The City of Long Beach has been selected as a 2005 California Park and Recreation Society (CPRS) Award of Excellence winner in the category of Park Planning - Specialty Park for Rotary Centennial Park. The award will be presented at the CPRS Annual Conference in March.

### **NEIGHBORHOODS**

#### **Parks, Recreation and Marine, Maintenance Operations Bureau**

Beach Operations staff repaired the Junipero beach area, which suffered erosion during the recent series of high tides.

#### **Parks, Recreation and Marine, Planning and Development Bureau**

The temporary gas line has passed inspection for the pool at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park. Staff moved into the temporary lifeguard office and forms are being set for pouring the foundation of the new locker rooms.

Ductwork and vents have been completed in the locker rooms at the pool in Silverado Park. Three new HVAC units have been installed and the exterior archways on the front of the pool building have been reconstructed. New lighting in the pool area has been installed, and plumbing and piping has begun for the new pump room.

Forms have been set and concrete poured for the curbs and gutters of the parking lot at Davenport Park, on 55th Way near Paramount Blvd. The base has been placed for the park walkways and basketball court, and the basketball poles have been installed.

Phase II of accessibility improvements for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) began with the start of construction at Birdcage Park. Accessibility improvements at Birdcage Park will include a wheelchair accessible picnic table and walkway.

### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

#### **Parks, Recreation and Marine, Special Events and Filming Bureau**

CBS Productions, Inc., with a cast and crew of 80, filmed a TV Show *CSI: Miami* at Mothers Beach on January 16.

### **OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE**

#### **Long Beach Gas & Oil, Gas Services Bureau**

Staff completed a total of 3,154 service calls. This total included 1,011 Gas and Water Utility Turn Ons, and 663 Turn Offs. During this period, 1,262 Customer Service Orders were completed for services that included lighting pilots, adjusting and inspecting appliances, completing fumigation orders, and verifying read orders. A total of 218 meter maintenance and billing-related orders were completed. In addition, Gas Control/Dispatch (24/7 operation) received 576 emergency phone calls that resulted in 151 emergency orders being sent out.

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### **Long Beach Gas and Oil Construction Projects**

Install gas pipes

- Linden Avenue; De Forrest Park area.  
Estimated completion: 4/12/06
- 71st Way between Myrtle Avenue and Orange Avenue
- Atlantic Place A/E of Atlantic Place and Eastondale Avenue between 72nd and Myrtle Avenue  
Estimated completion: 1/27/06

Rebuilding gas regulator station at Quincy Ave and Vista Street.

Estimated completion: 2/17/06

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